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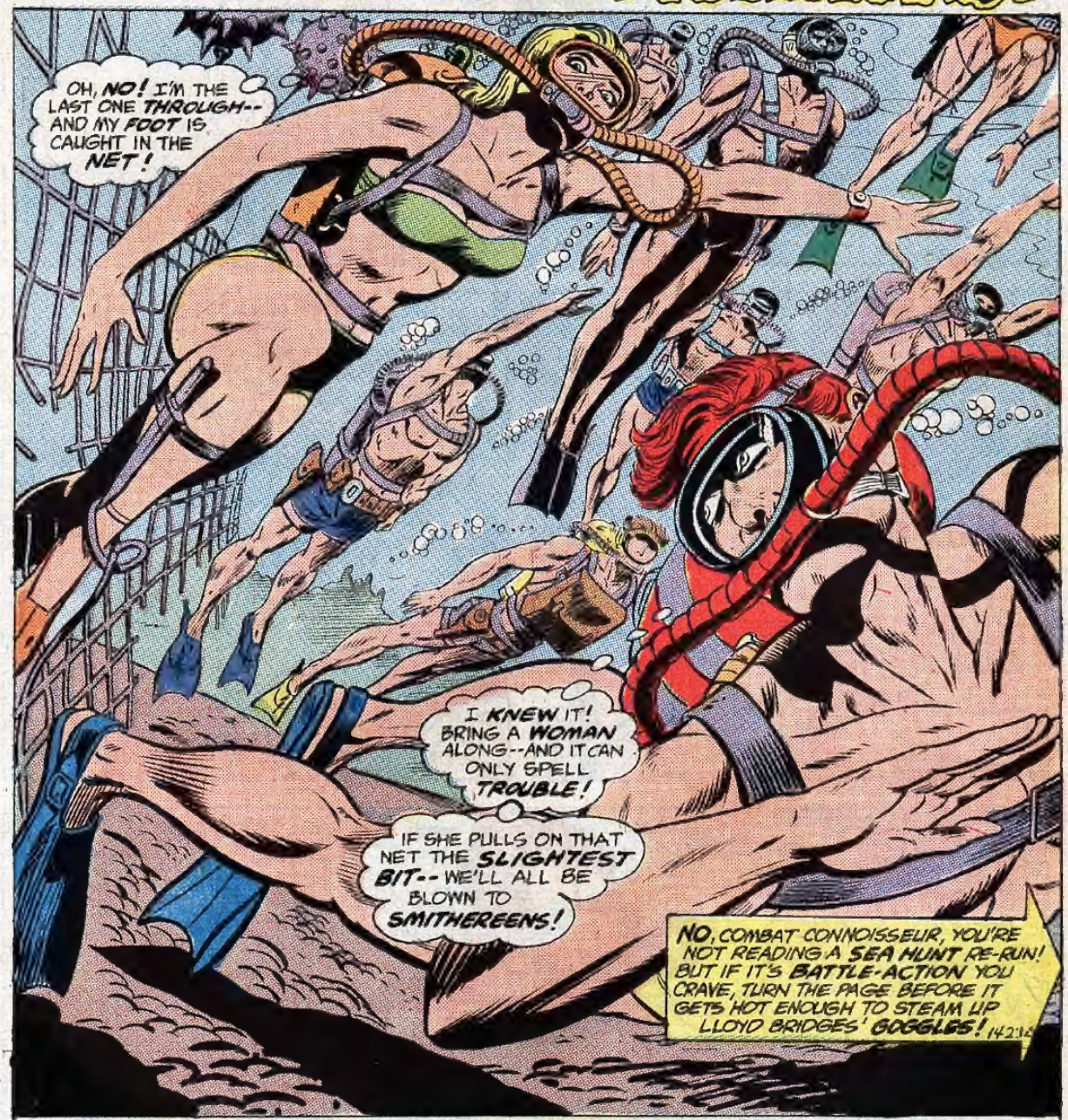
AND HIS DEADLY DOZEN

C'MON, YOU HEROES! IF EVEN ONE OF THOSE KRAUTS GETS THRU--

WE'VE HAD IT!!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: COMBAT KELLY AND THE DEADLY DOZEN!

"HOSPITAL OF HORRORS!"


OH, NO! I'M THE LAST ONE THROUGH--AND MY FOOT IS CAUGHT IN THE NET!
I KNEW IT! BRING A WOMAN ALONG--AND IT CAN ONLY SPELL TROUBLE!
IF SHE PULLS ON THAT NET THE SLIGHTEST BIT--WE'LL ALL BE BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS!
NO, COMBAT CONNOISSEUR, YOU'RE NOT READING A SEA HUNT RE-RUN! BUT IF IT'S BATTLE-ACTION YOU CRAVE, TURN THE PAGE BEFORE IT GETS HOT ENOUGH TO STEAM UP LLOYD BRIDGES' GOGGLES!

ANOTHER WORK OF WAR-MAG WONDERMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO HATE WAR by:

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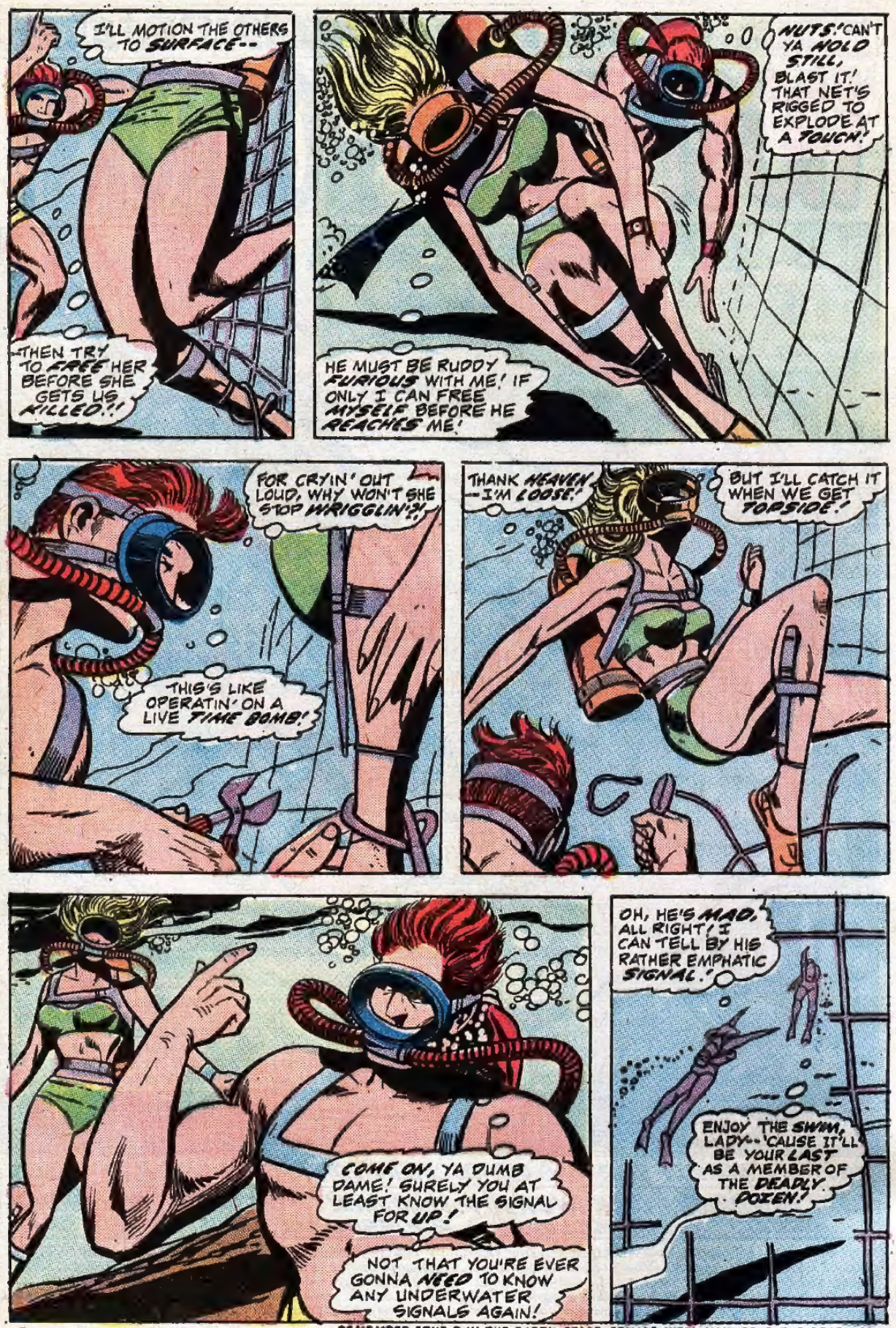
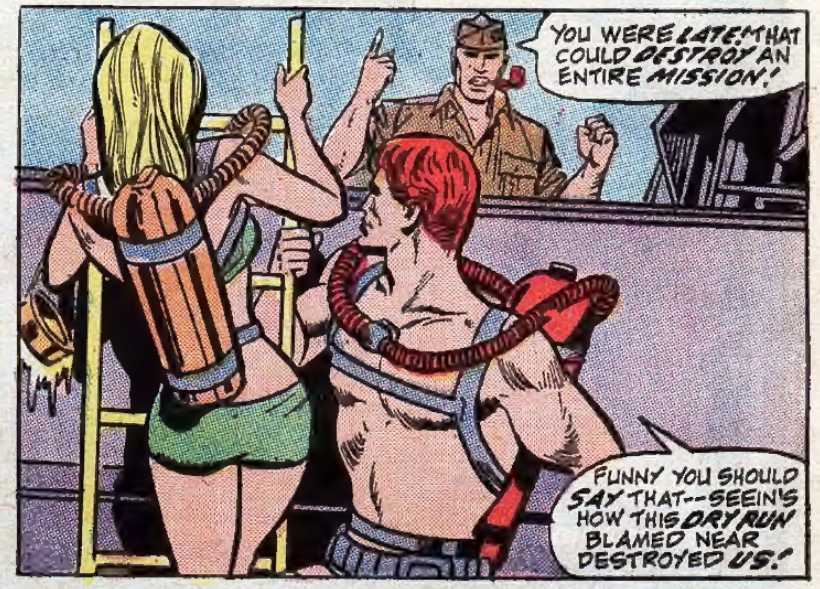
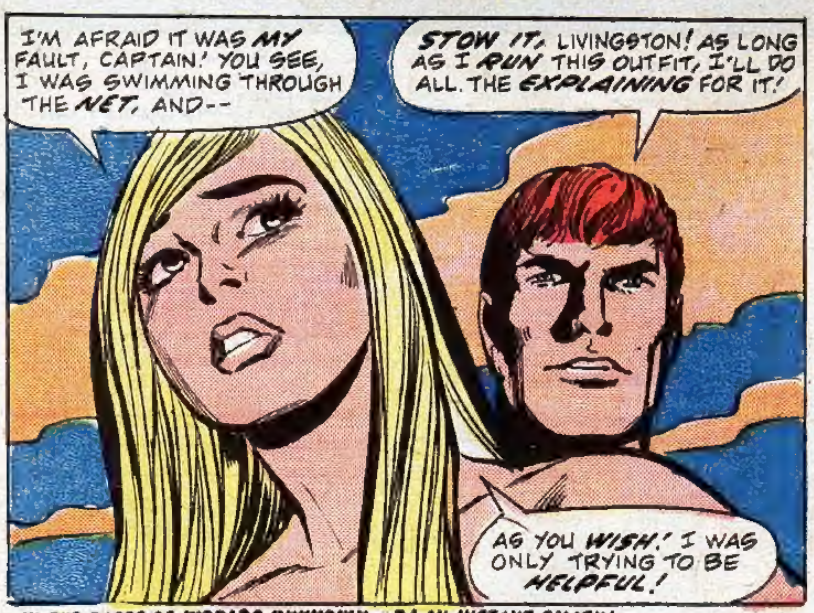

I'LL MOTION THE OTHERS TO SURFACE--
THEN TRY TO FREE HER BEFORE SHE GETS US KILLED!!
NUTS! CAN'T YA HOLD STILL, BLAST IT! THAT NET'S RIGGED TO EXPLODE AT A TOUCH!
HE MUST BE RUDDY FURIOUS WITH ME! IF ONLY I CAN FREE MYSELF BEFORE HE REACHES ME!
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, WHY WON'T SHE STOP WRIGGLIN'?!
THIS'S LIKE OPERATIN' ON A LIVE TIME BOMB!
THANK HEAVEN --I'M LOOSE!
BUT I'LL CATCH IT WHEN WE GET TOPSIDE!
COME ON, YA DUMB DAME! SURELY YOU AT LEAST KNOW THE SIGNAL FOR UP!
NOT THAT YOU'RE EVER GONNA NEED TO KNOW ANY UNDERWATER SIGNALS AGAIN!
OH, HE'S MAD, ALL RIGHT! I CAN TELL BY HIS RATHER EMPHATIC SIGNAL!
ENJOY THE SWIM, LADY--'CAUSE IT'LL BE YOUR LAST AS A MEMBER OF THE DEADLY DOZEN!

REMEMBER "THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL"? WELL, NOW READ THE ORIGINAL—

THERE THEY ARE! LOOKS LIKE MY BLUFF ABOUT THE NETS BEING RIGGED WITH REAL EXPLOSIVES WORKED!
BUT-- WAIT A MINUTE! TWO OF 'EM ARE MISSING. WHERE THE DEVIL ARE KELLY AND THE GIRL?


YOU WERE LATE! THAT COULD DESTROY AN ENTIRE MISSION!
FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT--SEEIN'S HOW THIS DRY RUN BLAMED NEAR DESTROYED US!


I'M AFRAID IT WAS MY FAULT, CAPTAIN! YOU SEE, I WAS SWIMMING THROUGH THE NET, AND--
STOW IT, LIVINGSTON! AS LONG AS I RUN THIS OUTFIT, I'LL DO ALL THE EXPLAINING FOR IT!
AS YOU WISH! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL!

WELL I DON'T HAPPEN TO NEED YOUR HELP-- SO GO BELOW!
FACT IS, SIR -- IT WAS MY FAULT WE WERE LATE SURFACIN'!
YOU WANNA DRUM ME OUT FOR THAT-- BE MY GUEST!

-IN THE PAGES OF WORLDS UNKNOWN #2! AN INSTANT SMASH!

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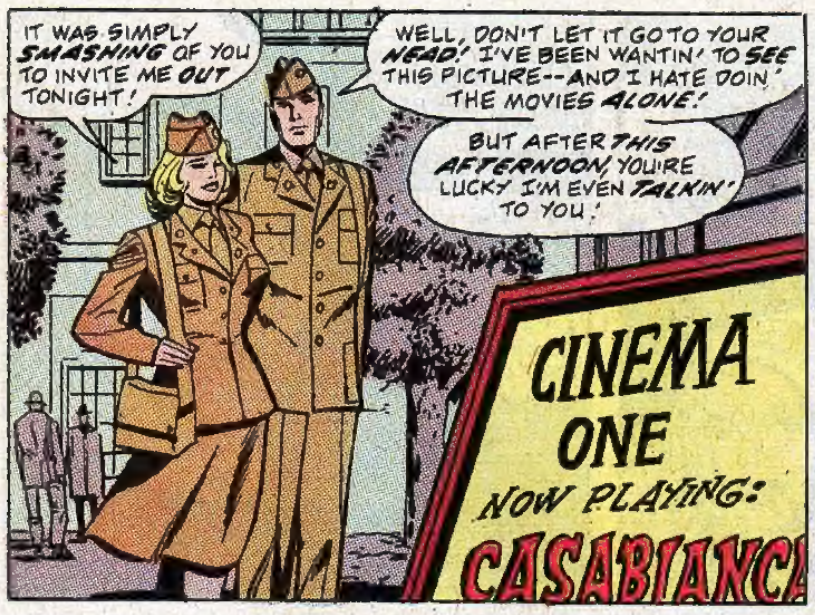

IT WAS SIMPLY SMASHING OF YOU TO INVITE ME OUT TONIGHT!
WELL, DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR NEAD! I'VE BEEN WANTIN' TO SEE THIS PICTURE--AND I HATE DOIN' THE MOVIES ALONE!
BUT AFTER THIS AFTERNOON, YOU'RE LUCKY I'M EVEN TALKIN' TO YOU!
CINEMA ONE
NOW PLAYING:
CASABIANCA

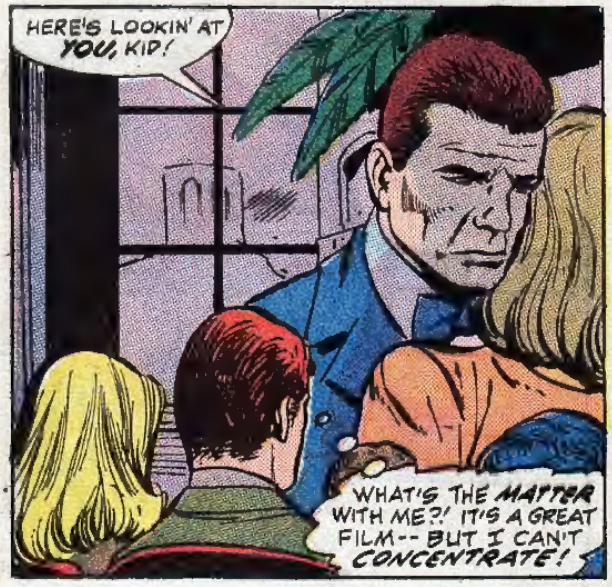
NAW! IT'S MORE THAN THAT! WHEN YOU GOT CAUGHT DOWN THERE I COULD'A CLOBBERED YOU--
--BUT WHEN WE GOT TOPSIDE, WELL, I'M STILL NOT SURE WHY I DID IT!
MAYBE THE BLASTED WAR'S GETTIN' TO ME!

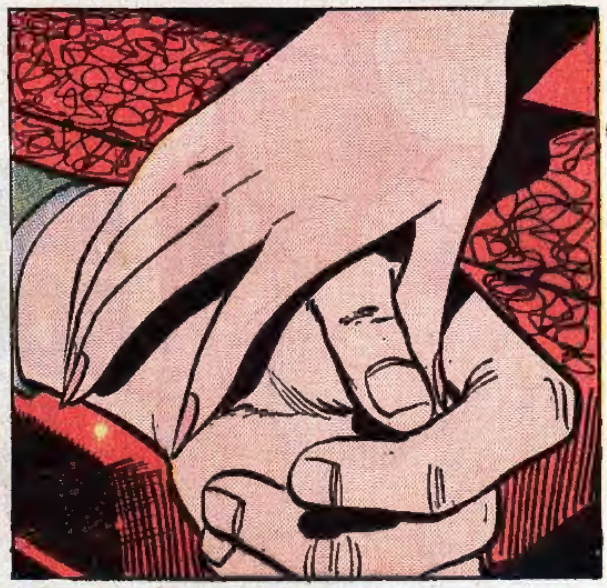
AND A FINISH-- SOON AS THE FILM'S OVER! IF YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR LOVE--
--YOU'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON BOGART AND BERGMAN! ME--- I'M NOT THE TYPE!
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN! SHALL WE GO IN, LUV?

CRAZY IS COMING! NEW AND NIFTY FROM MIXED-UP MARVEL!

EASY, KELLY! JUST KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE PICTURE! A DAME BURNED YOU ONCE BEFORE!
--AND THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN! NOT A CHANCE!

HE'S SO STIFF-- SO ALOOF! BUT I'M CERTAIN HE LIKES ME-- HE MUST!
BUT I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL! CAN'T RISK SCARING HIM OFF! A MAN LIKE HIM COMES ALONG ONLY ONCE!



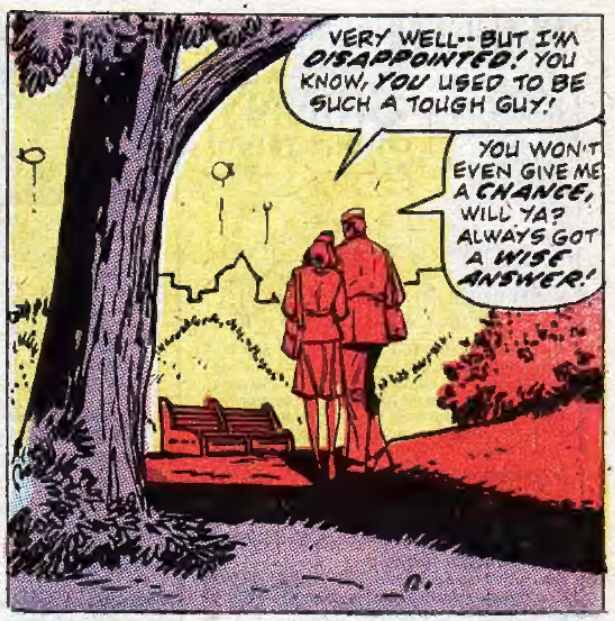


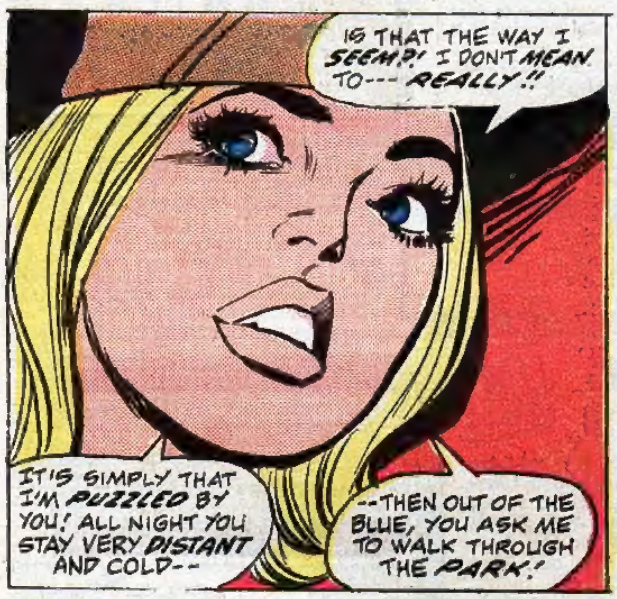
DON'T YA KNOW YOU AIN'T SUPPOSED TO HOLD HANDS WITH YER SUPERIOR?!
WHAT SUPERIOR? I'M TOUCHING A VERY ATTRACTIVE MAN WHO'S SHAKING LIKE A LEAF!

BUT DON'T LET IT THROW YOU! I'M ONLY HOLDING ON TO KEEP MYSELF FROM SHAKING!
SO WE'RE REALLY DOING EACH OTHER A FAVOR BY HOLDING HANDS, RIGHT?

KID CASSIDY IS DEAD—AND IT LOOKS LIKE RENO JONES DID IT!

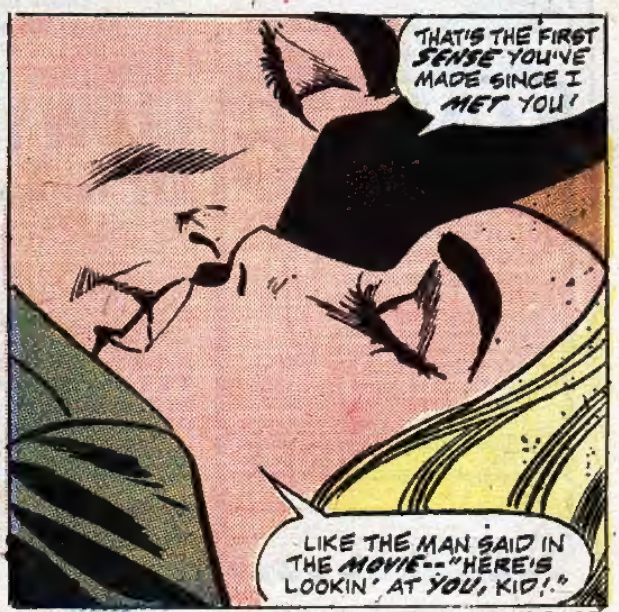
WELL, WE MADE IT-- AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO KISS ME ONCE!
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY BAWLIN'! WHAT A TEAR-JERKER! AND BOGEY USED TO BE SUCH A TOUGH GUY.
OH, WELL-- HOW'S ABOUT A WALK THROUGH THE PARK?.


VERY WELL-- BUT I'M DISAPPOINTED! YOU KNOW, YOU USED TO BE SUCH A TOUGH GUY!
YOU WON'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE, WILL YA? ALWAYS GOT A WISE ANSWER!


IS THAT THE WAY I SEEM?! I DON'T MEAN TO--- REALLY!!
IT'S SIMPLY THAT I'M PUZZLED BY YOU! ALL NIGHT YOU STAY VERY DISTANT AND COLD--
--THEN OUT OF THE BLUE, YOU ASK ME TO WALK THROUGH THE PARK!

WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO DO TO ME?! I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A NOOSE AROUND MY INSIDES--
--AND YOU KEEP PULLIN' IT TIGHTER EVERY TIME YOU OPEN YOUR PRETTY MOUTH!

I--I'M SORRY! I'M ONLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND YOU-- TO GET THROUGH TO YOU!
BUT PERHAPS MERE WORDS AREN'T ENOUGH! PERHAPS WHAT YOU NEED IS---



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ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE, KELLY!
WHADDAYA MEAN?! I HAD ME A PASS--
--AND YOUR CRUMMY MP'S COME INTO TOWN AND DRAG ME BACK HERE! I WANNA KNOW WHY!

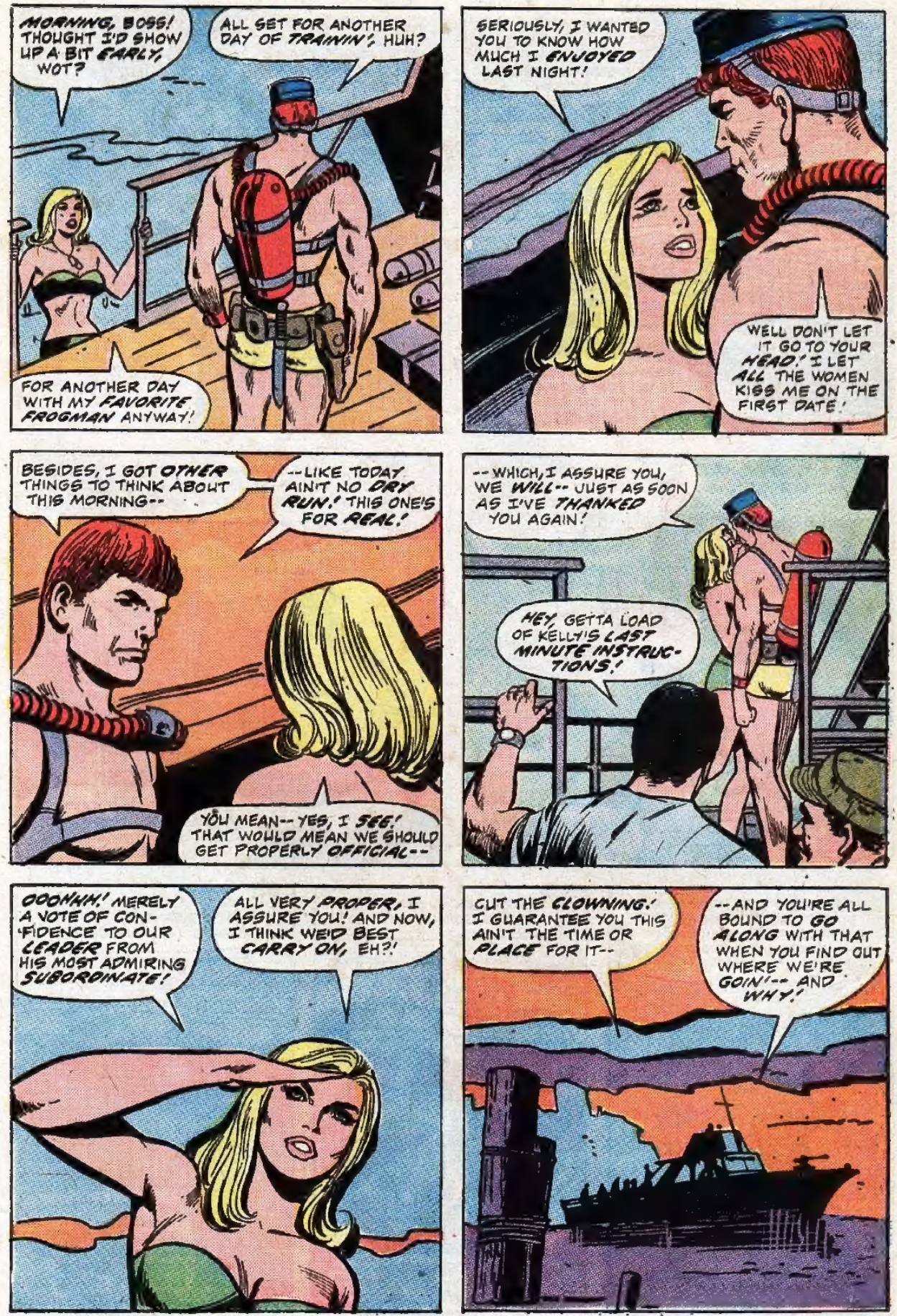
I MEAN, EVEN AN EX-CON LIKE ME'S GOTTA HAVE SOME RIGHTS!
OKAY--I KNOW YOU HAD A DATE--AND I'M SORRY! BUT THIS IS URGENT!

WE'VE GOT A TOP PRIORITY MISSION FOR YOU AND YOUR MEN TOMORROW--
--AND YOUR WOMAN AS WELL!

OH, NO YA DON'T! WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE --AND LAURA AIN'T GOIN' WITH US!

STOW IT, SOLDIER! I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE WORRIED BECAUSE YOU LIKE HER--
--OR IF YOU JUST HATE WOMEN!
SHE'S AN INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR MISSION--AND SHE GOES! THAT'S AN ORDER!

NOW MOVE OUT AND GET SOME SLEEP! YOUR SEALED ORDERS ARE IN YOUR BARRACKS!
AND, KELLY-- IT'S NO CRIME TO GO FOR A PRETTY WOMAN!


MORNING, BOSS! THOUGHT I'D SHOW UP A BIT EARLY, WOT?
ALL SET FOR ANOTHER DAY OF TRAININ', HUH?
FOR ANOTHER DAY WITH MY FAVORITE FROGMAN ANYWAY!
SERIOUSLY, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I ENJOYED LAST NIGHT!
WELL DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.' I LET ALL THE WOMEN KISS ME ON THE FIRST DATE.'
BESIDES, I GOT OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT THIS MORNING--
--LIKE TODAY AIN'T NO DRY RUN.' THIS ONE'S FOR REAL.'
YOU MEAN-- YES, I SEE.' THAT WOULD MEAN WE SHOULD GET PROPERLY OFFICIAL--
--WHICH, I ASSURE YOU, WE WILL-- JUST AS SOON AS I'VE THANKED YOU AGAIN!
HEY, GETTA LOAD OF KELLY'S LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS.'
OOOHHH.' MERELY A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO OUR LEADER FROM HIS MOST ADMIRING SUBORDINATE!
ALL VERY PROPER, I ASSURE YOU! AND NOW, I THINK WE'D BEST CARRY ON, EH?'
CUT THE CLOWNING.' I GUARANTEE YOU THIS AIN'T THE TIME OR PLACE FOR IT--
--AND YOU'RE ALL BOUND TO GO ALONG WITH THAT WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHERE WE'RE GOIN'-- AND WHY.'

WE'RE AS CLOSE TO THE GERMAN COAST AS WE DARE GET IN THIS FOG, KELLY!
OKAY! TELL YOUR LAUNCH OPERATOR TO BLOW UP THE FLOATIN' BALLOON OF HIS!
MEN -- AND -- LAURA -- GET IN YER GEAR! WE GO IT ON OUR OWN FROM HERE!
THE LAUNCH HERE'LL TAKE US IN AS CLOSE AS IT CAN! THEN WE'LL SWIM THE REST OF THE WAY!
AND WE'LL HAVE TO GO IN UNDER-WATER -- SO OPEN UP YOUR AIR TANKS AND GET SET!
WE'LL GO UNDER THE INSTANT WE HIT THE DRINK --
--AND WE'LL STAY DOWN 'TIL WE GET TO THE SHORE! EVERYBODY WAIT FOR ME -- THEN FOLLOW CLOSE!
THAT'S IT FOR NOW! GET SET -- GOOOO!!!
YOU CAN JUST SEE THE SHORE THROUGH THE SOUP, KELLY! SHOULDN'T BE ANY PATROLS OUT IN THIS WEATHER!
JUST HOLD THIS RAFT STEADY, SAILOR -- AND KEEP YER COMMENTS TO YERSELF!
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S JUST THE TWO OF US LEFT! LIKE THE MAN SAID -- "HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU, KID!"
GOOD LUCK, SOLDIER! YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT!
JUST LIKE THE NAVY! ASK FOR A DRIVER -- AND YA GET A DOOMSDAY PROPHET!
WELL -- THEY'RE ALL IN AND UNDER! GUESS THAT WRAPS UP MY JOB!
BUT THOSE POOR JOKERS! I WOULDN'T TACKLE WHAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST FOR A MONTH'S LEAVE IN HONOLULU!

CONAN THE BARBARIAN – VS. THE HORRENDOUS HAND OF NERGAL! NOW!

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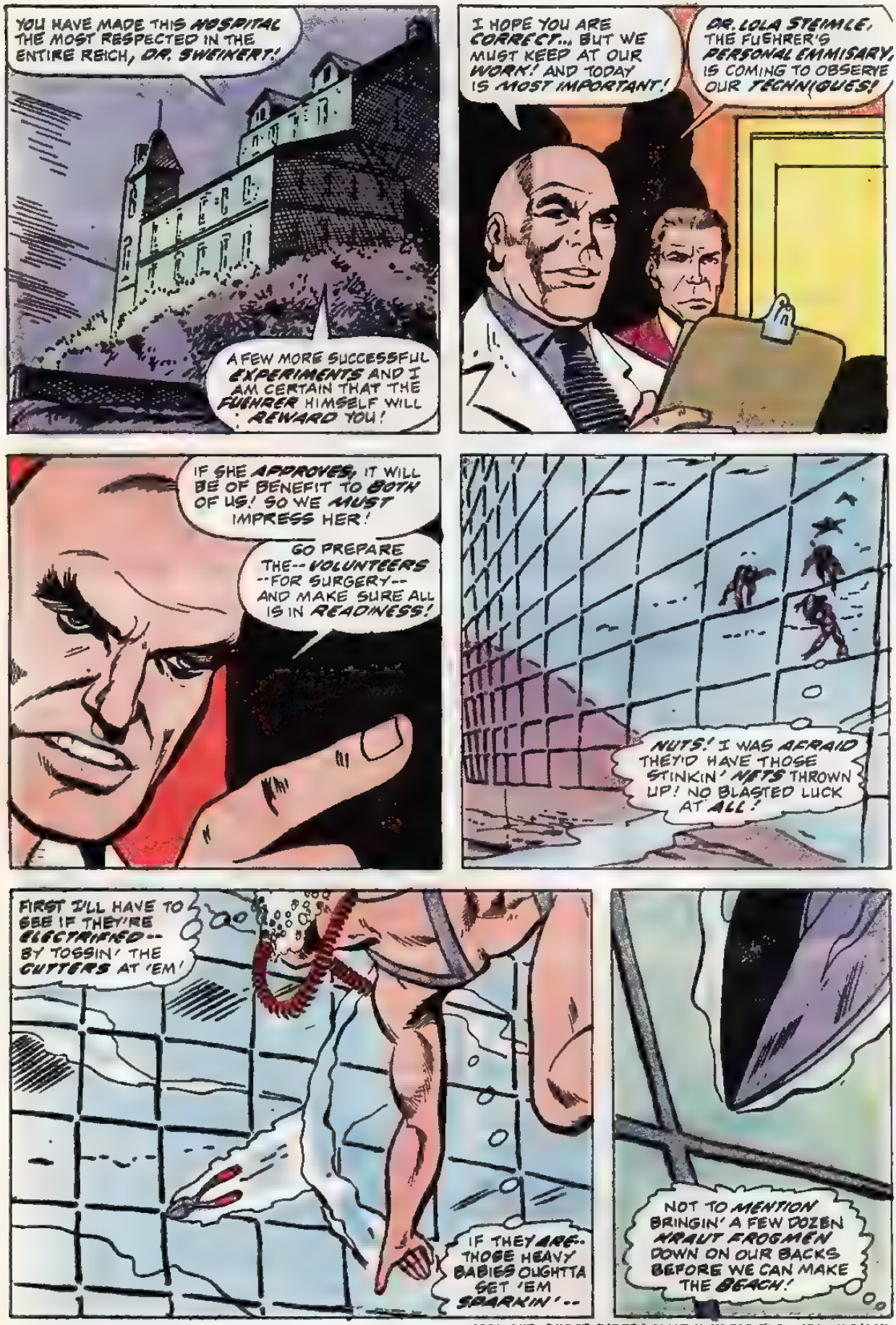
YOU HAVE MADE THIS HOSPITAL THE MOST RESPECTED IN THE ENTIRE REICH, DR. SWEINERT!
A FEW MORE SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS AND I AM CERTAIN THAT THE FUEHRER HIMSELF WILL REWARD YOU!
I HOPE YOU ARE CORRECT... BUT WE MUST KEEP AT OUR WORK! AND TODAY IS MOST IMPORTANT!
DR. LOLA STEIMLE, THE FUEHRER'S PERSONAL EMMISARY, IS COMING TO OBSERVE OUR TECHNIQUES!
IF SHE APPROVES, IT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO BOTH OF US! SO WE MUST IMPRESS HER!
GO PREPARE THE-- VOLUNTEERS --FOR SURGERY-- AND MAKE SURE ALL IS IN READINESS!
NUTS! I WAS AFRAID THEY'D HAVE THOSE STINKIN' NETS THROWN UP! NO BLASTED LUCK AT ALL!
FIRST I'LL HAVE TO SEE IF THEY'RE ELECTRIFIED-- BY TOSSIN' THE CUTTERS AT 'EM!
IF THEY ARE-- THOSE HEAVY BABIES OUGHTTA SET 'EM SPARKIN'--
NOT TO MENTION BRINGIN' A FEW DOZEN KRAUT FROGMEN DOWN ON OUR BACKS BEFORE WE CAN MAKE THE BEACH!

KLUNK!
PHEW! AT LEAST THAT IS ONE BREAK IN OUR FAVOR TODAY! NOW TO CUT THROUGH 'EM!
--AND MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS BY OKAY! CAN'T HELP REMEMBERIN' THE DRY RUN YESTERDAY!
HE'S WAITING-- TO SEE EVERY-ONE THROUGH-- BUT HE'S DOING IT BECAUSE OF ME!
BUT IS IT BECAUSE HE CARES-- OR BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN?!
THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY, JEWESS! TODAY, RATHER THAN BE EXTERMINATED, YOU WILL SERVE YOUR FELLOW MAN!
YOU WILL NOW BE TAKEN TO THE OPERATING ROOM-- WHERE DR. SWEIKERT WILL EXPERIMENT ON YOU!
NOOOO!
YES! AND CONSIDER YOURSELF FORTUNATE THAT YOUR DEATH WILL AT LEAST BE USEFUL--
--ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT SO PAINLESS AS IT MIGHT BE! TAKE HER AWAY!
MURDERER! I AM IN PERFECT HEALTH! THERE IS NOTHING WRONG!

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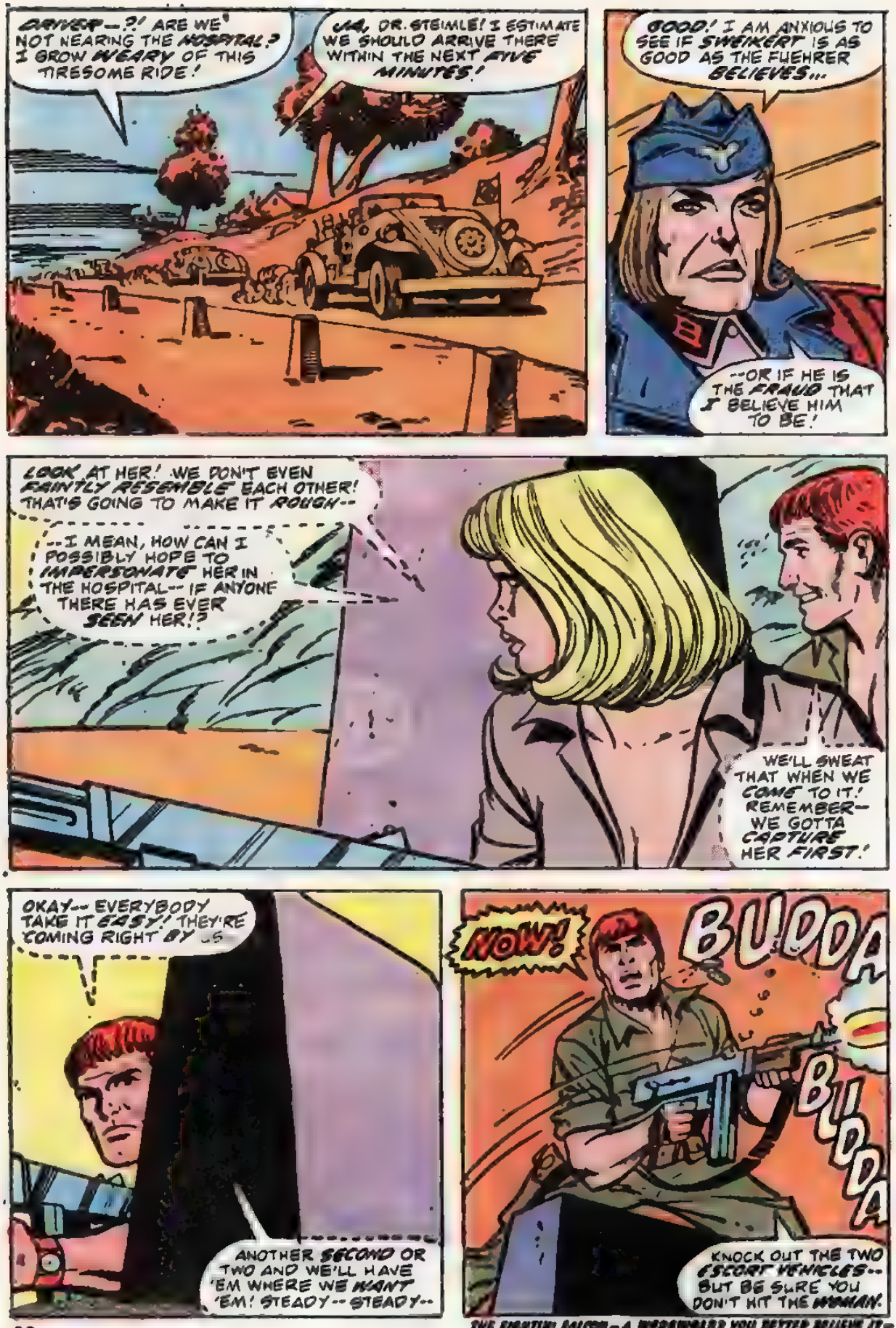
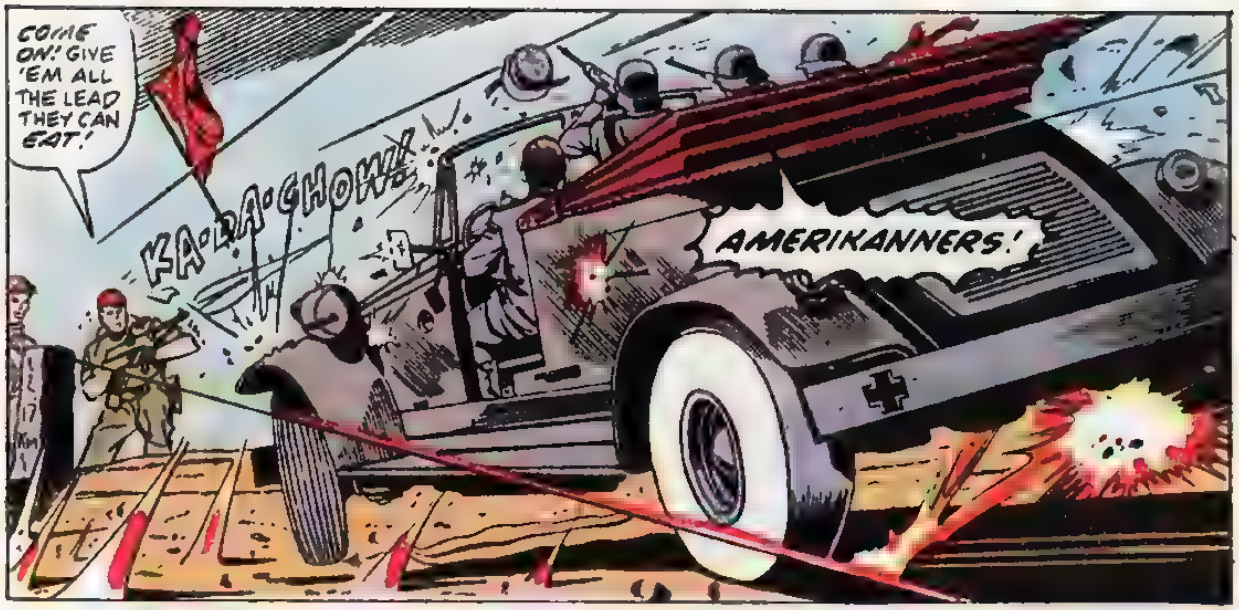
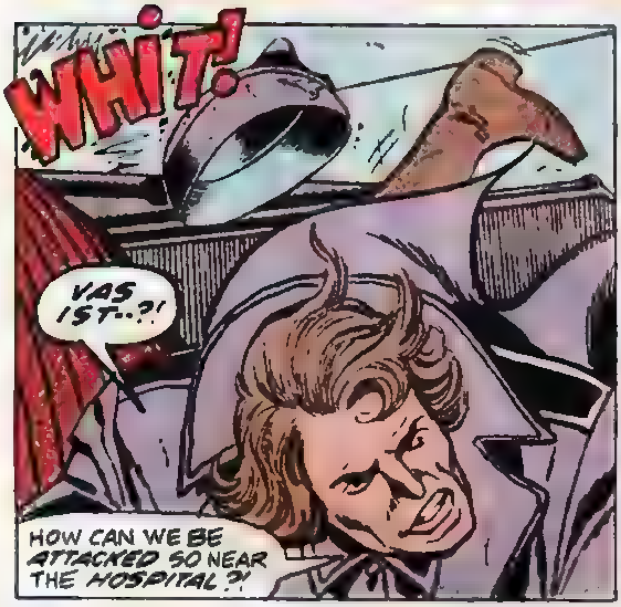
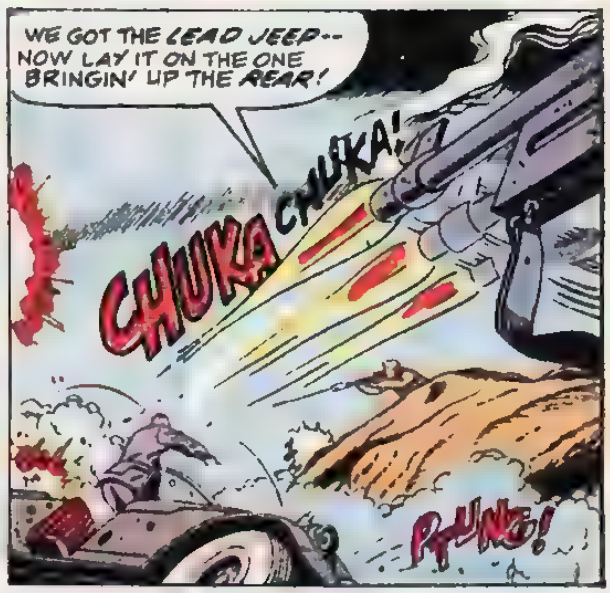
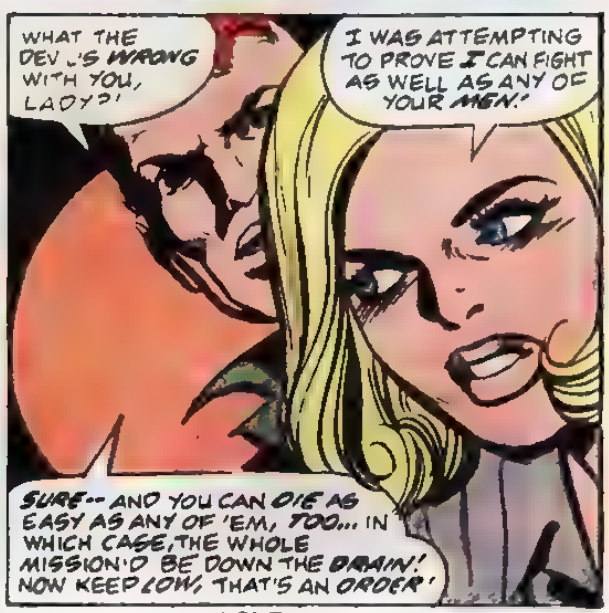
OKAY! THAT WORKED OUT A LITTLE BETTER THAN YESTERDAY -- WHICH IS WHY WE'RE STILL ALIVE!
NOW, MOVE IT ON UP THE BEACH -- ON THE DOUBLE!
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF SIGHT JUST AS FAST AS WE CAN!
LOOKS LIKE THE CHEST KEPT THE PEA-SHOOTERS DRY ENOUGH --
--GUESS MAYBE THE NAVY CAN DO AT LEAST SOMETHIN' RIGHT!
LET'S GET UP THERE BY THE ROAD --
--AND HUG THE DIRT SO NOBODY PASSIN' BY CAN GET A LOOK AT US!
SO FAR -- SO GOOD! AND WE DIDN'T MAKE IT WITH ANY TIME TO SPARE! UNLESS I MISS MY MARK -- THAT JEEP COMIN' THIS WAY IS THE ONE WE'RE AFTER!
IT'LL BE CARRYIN' SOME GUARDS -- AND A FEMALE KRAUT DOCTOR --
--AN' THAT DOCTOR IS OUR OBJECTIVE! SO LET'S NOT BLOW IT!


DRIVER—?! ARE WE NOT NEARING THE HOSPITAL? I GROW WEARY OF THIS TIRESOME RIDE!
JA, DR. STEIMLE! I ESTIMATE WE SHOULD ARRIVE THERE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!
GOOD! I AM ANXIOUS TO SEE IF SWEIKERT IS AS GOOD AS THE FUEHRER BELIEVES...
--OR IF HE IS THE FRAUD THAT I BELIEVE HIM TO BE!
LOOK AT HER! WE DON'T EVEN FAINTLY RESEMBLE EACH OTHER! THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT ROUGH--
--I MEAN, HOW CAN I POSSIBLY HOPE TO IMPERSONATE HER IN THE HOSPITAL-- IF ANYONE THERE HAS EVER SEEN HER!?
WE'LL SWEAT THAT WHEN WE COME TO IT! REMEMBER— WE GOTTA CAPTURE HER FIRST!
OKAY-- EVERYBODY TAKE IT EASY! THEY'RE COMING RIGHT BY US
ANOTHER SECOND OR TWO AND WE'LL HAVE 'EM WHERE WE WANT 'EM! STEADY-- STEADY--
NOW!
BUDDA
BUDDA
KNOCK OUT THE TWO ESCORT VEHICLES-- BUT BE SURE YOU DON'T HIT THE WOMAN!








WHAT THE DEV'S WRONG WITH YOU, LADY?!
I WAS ATTEMPTING TO PROVE I CAN FIGHT AS WELL AS ANY OF YOUR MEN!
SURE-- AND YOU CAN DIE AS EASY AS ANY OF 'EM, TOO... IN WHICH CASE, THE WHOLE MISSION'D BE DOWN THE DRAIN! NOW KEEP LOW, THAT'S AN ORDER!

—IN THE CURRENT ISH OF CAPTAIN AMERICA, WHERE ELSE?

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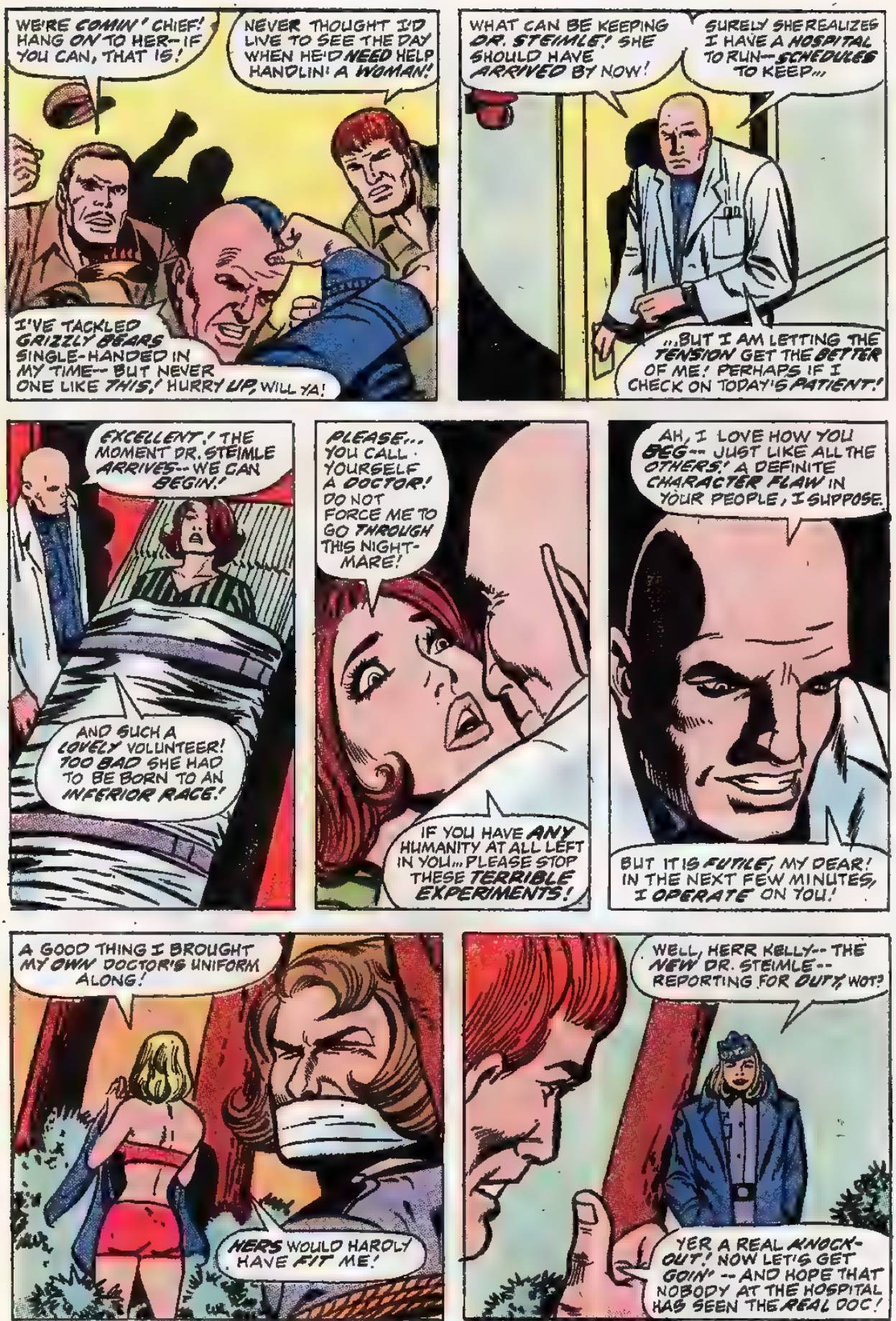
AN AMERIKANNER AMBUSH! WHY WERE WE NOT WARNED OF THE POSSIBILITY THIS MIGHT HAPPEN?!
PROBABLY BECAUSE THE AMERIKANNERS DO NOT ANNOUNCE THEIR COMMANDO RAIDS IN ADVANCE, OTTO!
COVER ME, DUMBKOFF! I AM TOO IMPORTANT TO THE REICH TO BE WASTED IN A MERE SKIRMISH SUCH AS THIS!
THE LADY DOC -- SHE'S MAKIN' A RUN FOR IT! LITTLE BEAR -- GO AFTER HER! AND DON'T LET HER GET AWAY! THE WHOLE MISSION DEPENDS ON IT!
HOLD IT, SISTER!
SCHWEINHUND! FOR YOUR BRAVERY -- YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH DEATH!
NICE TRY, LADY -- BUT YA DIDN'T PLAN ON ME TOSSIN' A FLYIN' TACKLE, DID'JA?
KA-PAKK!
UUNNNHHHH!
WHAT SORT OF MANNERS DO THEY TEACH YOU IN AMERICA -- THAT YOU WOULD ATTACK A HELPLESS WOMAN!
WHOCK!
YOU MIGHT BE A LOTTA THINGS -- BUT HELPLESS SURE AIN'T ONE OF 'EM! SOMEBODY GET OVER HERE AND GIMME A HAND!


WE'RE COMIN' CHIEF! HANG ON TO HER--IF YOU CAN, THAT IS!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN HE'D NEED HELP HANDLIN' A WOMAN!
I'VE TACKLED GRIZZLY BEARS SINGLE-HANDED IN MY TIME-- BUT NEVER ONE LIKE THIS,' HURRY UP, WILL YA!
WHAT CAN BE KEEPING DR. STEIMLE! SHE SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY NOW!
SURELY SHE REALIZES I HAVE A HOSPITAL TO RUN--SCHEDULES TO KEEP...
...BUT I AM LETTING THE TENSION GET THE BETTER OF ME! PERHAPS IF I CHECK ON TODAY'S PATIENT!
EXCELLENT,' THE MOMENT DR. STEIMLE ARRIVES-- WE CAN BEGIN!'
AND SUCH A LOVELY VOLUNTEER! TOO BAD SHE HAD TO BE BORN TO AN INFERIOR RACE!'
PLEASE... YOU CALL YOURSELF A DOCTOR! DO NOT FORCE ME TO GO THROUGH THIS NIGHT-MARE!
IF YOU HAVE ANY HUMANITY AT ALL LEFT IN YOU... PLEASE STOP THESE TERRIBLE EXPERIMENTS!
AH, I LOVE HOW YOU BEG-- JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS,' A DEFINITE CHARACTER FLAW IN YOUR PEOPLE, I SUPPOSE.
BUT IT IS FUTILE, MY DEAR! IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, I OPERATE ON YOU!
A GOOD THING I BROUGHT MY OWN DOCTOR'S UNIFORM ALONG!
HERS WOULD HAROLY HAVE FIT ME!
WELL, HERR KELLY-- THE NEW DR. STEIMLE-- REPORTING FOR DUTY, WOT?
YER A REAL KNOCK-OUT! NOW LET'S GET GOIN' -- AND HOPE THAT NOBODY AT THE HOSPITAL HAS SEEN THE REAL DOC!

"THE BRAND OF THE WEREWOLF!" PERHAPS THE GREATEST DOC SAVAGE EPIC EVER!

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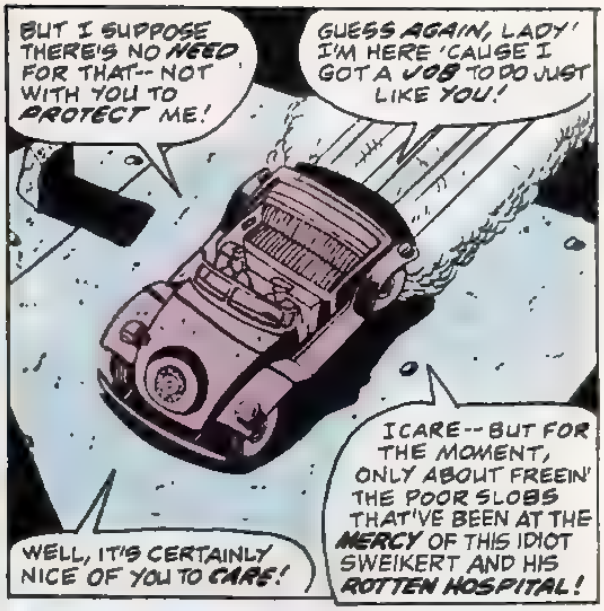
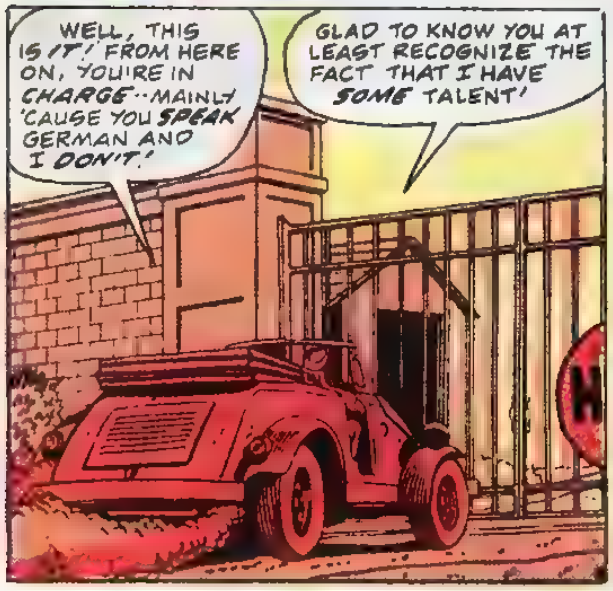
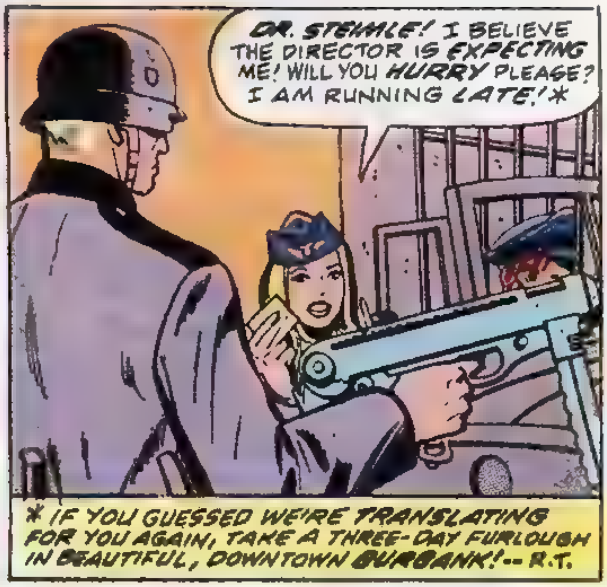

BUT I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT-- NOT WITH YOU TO PROTECT ME!
GUESS AGAIN, LADY! I'M HERE 'CAUSE I GOT A JOB TO DO JUST LIKE YOU!
WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY NICE OF YOU TO CARE!
I CARE-- BUT FOR THE MOMENT, ONLY ABOUT FREEIN' THE POOR SLOBS THAT'VE BEEN AT THE MERCY OF THIS IDIOT SWEIKERT AND HIS ROTTEN HOSPITAL!


WELL, THIS IS IT! FROM HERE ON, YOU'RE IN CHARGE--MAINLY 'CAUSE YOU SPEAK GERMAN AND I DON'T!
GLAD TO KNOW YOU AT LEAST RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT I HAVE SOME TALENT!


DR. STEHMLE! I BELIEVE THE DIRECTOR IS EXPECTING ME! WILL YOU HURRY PLEASE? I AM RUNNING LATE!*
* IF YOU GUESSED WE'RE TRANSLATING FOR YOU AGAIN, TAKE A THREE-DAY FURLOUGH IN BEAUTIFUL, DOWNTOWN BURBANK! -- R.T.

WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, DOCTOR--AND ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE!
I WILL BE BUT A MOMENT CHECKING YOU--ALL STRICTLY ROUTINE, YOU UNDERSTAND!

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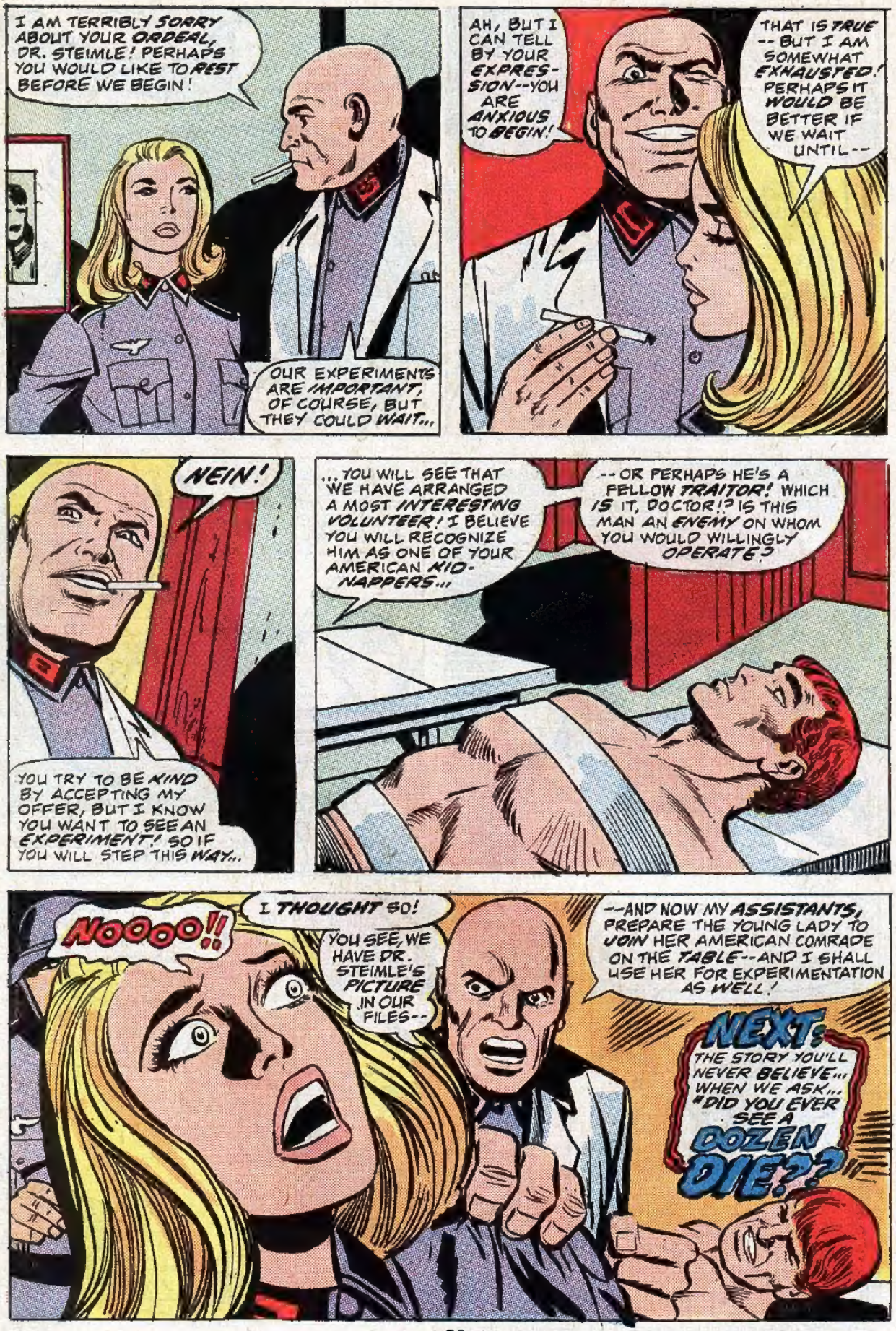
THE I.D.! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A PHOTO IN IT! I DIDN'T THINK TO CHECK!
STOP HIM... BEFORE HE REACHES THE PHONE AND CALLS FOR HELP!
IT WASN'T ON MY MIND TO WAIT AND HOPE HE GOT CONNECTED WITH A WRONG NUMBER!
MMMRRRFFF!
HOLD YER BREATH, FRITZ--OR THIS'LL BE THE LAST PHONE CALL YOU EVER MAKE!
AMERIKANINGERS ---HELP!!!
YOU GUYS DON'T WASTE ANY TIME, DO YA!? TOO BAD YER MOTHERS RAISED YA TO BE SO PUNCTUAL!
THAT OUGHTA FINISH THE GATE DETAIL--BUT MORE ARE LIABLE TO BE ON THE WAY!
LISTEN--AND LISTEN GOOD! I'M GONNA RUN AND DRAW 'EM AWAY FROM YOU! YOUR STORY IS THAT I TRIED TO KIDNAP YA! GOT IT?
YES! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?! I--I REALLY--CARE, YOU KNOW!
YEAH... I KNOW! BUT DON'T SWEAT IT! SEE YA AT THE MOVIES OR SOMETHIN'!
I HOPE SO, KELLY! LORD HOW I HOPE SO...
--FOR MAYBE THEN, I CAN TELL HOW MUCH I CARE! IF I LIVE THAT LONG!

—ONLY TO LEARN THEY'VE ADMITTED THEIR TWO DEADLIEST FOES!


I AM TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR ORDEAL, DR. STEIMLE! PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO REST BEFORE WE BEGIN!
OUR EXPERIMENTS ARE IMPORTANT, OF COURSE, BUT THEY COULD WAIT...
AH, BUT I CAN TELL BY YOUR EXPRESSION--YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN!
THAT IS TRUE -- BUT I AM SOMEWHAT EXHAUSTED! PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE WAIT UNTIL--
NEIN!
YOU TRY TO BE KIND BY ACCEPTING MY OFFER, BUT I KNOW YOU WANT TO SEE AN EXPERIMENT! SO IF YOU WILL STEP THIS WAY...
...YOU WILL SEE THAT WE HAVE ARRANGED A MOST INTERESTING VOLUNTEER! I BELIEVE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS ONE OF YOUR AMERICAN KIDNAPPERS...
--OR PERHAPS HE'S A FELLOW TRAITOR! WHICH IS IT, DOCTOR!? IS THIS MAN AN ENEMY ON WHOM YOU WOULD WILLINGLY OPERATE?
NOOOO!!
I THOUGHT SO!
YOU SEE, WE HAVE DR. STEIMLE'S PICTURE IN OUR FILES--
--AND NOW MY ASSISTANTS, PREPARE THE YOUNG LADY TO JOIN HER AMERICAN COMRADE ON THE TABLE--AND I SHALL USE HER FOR EXPERIMENTATION AS WELL!
NEXT: THE STORY YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE... WHEN WE ASK... "DID YOU EVER SEE A DOZEN DIE??"

MORE MINIATURIZED MOUTHFULS OF *MARVEL*-OUS MUTTERINGS!

(Or: Not Only Is *DRACULA* Alive And Well—But He's Got Company!)

ITEM! This is it! The month when we finally spread the word about the *fourth* and *final* one of our creepy quartet of giant-size 75¢ comic-mags! Let's see now: We started out with DRACULA LIVES, which is already a sell-out sensation from coast to coast—we followed that up with the first smash issue of MONSTERS UNLEASHED—and then we hit you with a sinister sleeper called TALES OF THE ZOMBIE (which is still on sale, if you're unbelievably lucky!). And now it's time for—VAMPIRE TALES! That's right, monsterphile. For those of you who think there's naught can be done with the legend of the awesome Undead that wasn't already done by the creator of Count Dracula, macabre Marvel's here to show you that there is indeed something *new* under the sun—or *moon*, as the case may be! First off, in answer to more requests than we care to remember, we've signed up STEVE "Baby" GERBER and Titanic TOM SUTTON to help us launch a way-out new series about the mysterious man-bat called MORBIUS (and if you don't remember him from SPIDER-MAN—but you *do*, don't you!). What's more, that's just for openers—'cause there's lots *more* grisly goodies behind that breath-taking cover painting, including colorful features and a fear-photo spread that'll knock you right out of your coffin! It's not just an imitation of DRACULA—but a phantasmagorical new mag in its own right. That's VAMPIRE TALES #1—now on sale! Get it fast—before it turns into a bat and flies away!.

ITEM! Now, unless you've been sealed in a crypt somewhere for the past few months, we're sure it comes as no surprise that the second issue of MONSTERS UNLEASHED is currently on sale, to boot! But, what *might* just move and shake you is the fact that, beginning this go-round, it spotlights a senses-staggering new serial starring THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN, picking up where our ever-fabulous color comic leaves off! And, when we clue you in that one of the other tales therein is called "The Roaches"—well, let's just say that this ish of MONSTERS UNLEASHED runs the gamut of gruesome goings-on, from A to *Zombie!*

ITEM! Hey, guess what! Just 'cause we love ya, we've decided to make a heaping handful of our most popular *bi-monthly* titles into *monthlies* for the long hot summer coming up. Yep, that means there'll be a couple of extra issues of some of your favorites (like THE DEFENDERS—and MARVEL PREMIERE, with Dr. Strange) winging your way soon! So pick 'em up—but don't get confused, hear?

MARVEL MINI-ITEMS! Let's all give a hearty "welcome aboard" to Battlin' BOB BROWN, whom we've long respected as one of comicdom's most talented artists—and who's recently signed on to do THE AVENGERS and WARLOCK for us! • How about ol' Sunny JIM MOONEY, who's been just coasting along doing inking for us for years, and who's now really movin' out as the peerless penciler on many issues of Spidey's adventures in MARVEL TEAM-UP? 'Way to go, Jim-baby—we always knew you could do it, if you could tear yourself away from that antique shop of yours long enough! • And this seems like just the place to sneak in a ref or two to a couple of nifty *new features* that'll be debuting next month in one mag or another! All we can say for now is that one of 'em is called THE MARK OF SATAN—while the other stars a far-out gent called BROTHER VOODOO! Be here next issue—same time, same place—for full details! • Whew! You know, we may have more writers and artists than ever—and we know that sometime a few more boo-boos and bonehead mistakes slip thru our over-worked fingers than we care to admit—but it still fills the whole blamed Bullpen with boundless enthusiasm and just a wee bit of beaming pride every month, when we each get our very own stack of the current crop of Marvel mags! Face it, friends and fellahim—we're *all* comic-fans at heart. And isn't that the way it *should* be?

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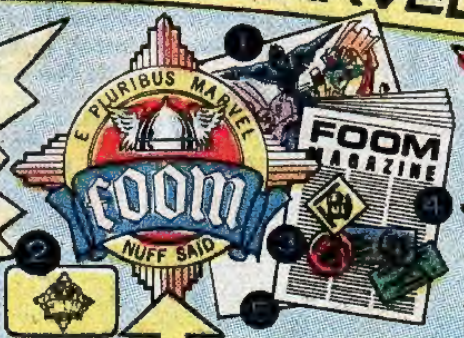

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Dear Roy,

Maybe you know something about Combat Kelly that I don't. Especially since you edit the book and I just started reading the mag with issue #6.

If you can explain why on the splash page of COMBAT KELLY #6, the hero has sergeant stripes on his helmet, but corporal stripes on his sleeve. And then on the 4th story page, 4th panel, the lady calls him sergeant when he had corporal stripes on his sleeve. Since they were strangers, she would think him a corporal, not a sergeant. Give yourself a no-prize. But, if you cannot explain it, may I have the NO-PRIZE?

If you can worm out of this then try a logical reason for calling a lieutenant a captain on page 3, panel 3. A captain has two connected bars and a lieutenent one bar. How about that no-prize?

Ron Huston
RR Sciota, Ill. 61475

You win, Ron. We're lucky if we can remember what rank SGT. FURY is! (But you should've seen the mistakes we edited out of that story! *Private* Eisenhower, indeed!)

Dear Stan, Roy, Gary, and Dick,

This letter is being written less than a day after the ceasefire ending the war in Vietnam. It is in reply to a letter from Patrick B. Miano in COMBAT KELLY #6 on "whether the supposed necessity (of waging war) is ever so great as to warrant choosing up sides to engage in the organized slaying of other human beings."

Have we come to the point where many consider (as Patrick stated) being a "fellow human being" as "an accident of birth"? I would hope that there is more love for humanity in us.

Most of his letter dealt with World War II. Let us examine this war. If fascism is an evil bad enough to fight a war against, then why was much of the land and people held by the Axis left under an equal (and possibly worse) evil: Communism? Perhaps the next time the U.S. fights for the freedom of others we should make sure that we truly leave them free instead of helping them out of the frying pan into the fire.

It sounds to me as if Patrick is the victim of too much propaganda. Let us not accept the stories that the enemy in WW II was totally bad. Let us look at the circumstances that brought about Nazism in Germany. Germany was left in a desperate state because of a previous war. Other nations were left in a similar (though in most cases not quite as bad) situation. Many of these were beginning to adopt militaristic governments. Other nations (especially France) would have adopted governments just as bad as Hitler's had the tendency to military governments not been thwarted by the government that adopted militarism first; namely, Germany.

Therefore, let us not condemn others for acting as we would. Was war the best way to answer a situation we were partially (though indirectly) responsible for? Well, this leads us back to the question you asked that started this whole mess.

R.F.O., Q.N.S., K.O.F. James Elwin Hinds
400 Bradley, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

While we're not sure we agree absolutely with *all* you wrote, James, we thing you've hit on a number of very interesting ideas. And we think it more than likely that your fellow Marvelites will want to respond. So we'll reserve our own comments for the time being . . .

. . . on all but one matter: that of the enemy in World War II not being "all bad." As we've stated before, our war mags are condemning the *Nazi* philosophy, rather than the nation of Germany; but it's important, too, to recognize that that nation let itself be duped and bullied into *accepting* —even *electing*—the government of Adolf Hitler, which wasn't exactly "all good"!!! The point being: it can happen *anywhere*. A leader arises, saying the things people *want* to hear, rather than the things they need to hear—and the result can be tragedy on a planetary scale! Think about it . . . while Greg Grayham (letter below) chews us out for some *more* dumb mistakes!

Dear Roy, Gary, Dick, V. Colletta, Charlotte, and any others'

Issue number six of COMBAT KELLY was the best yet, even though that fortress looks like it should have been incorporated with the Siegfried Line. At this point, it does not seem likely that Corporal Kelly will suffer the same fate as Captain Savage, at least, I hope not—which brings me to one of my two points. Why don't you have a "flashback" for Jay Little Bear and tell what became of the Leatherneck Raiders?

Point two: Marvel prides itself on realism, and this is great. However, will you please tell me how those three glaring discrepencies got through? On page 12, panel 1, the right wing of the B-17 has USAF on it—an impossibility, as the USAF was not formed until 1947. The letters should have been USAAF (Army Air Force). Page 27, panel 3, has the same mistake. The third one is on page 14, panel 1, where there are *three* guns firing from the nose of the B-17. This is a no-no, for no B-17 that I have ever seen or read about had three guns in front. Not until the B-17G, and the extra two guns were in a turret underneath and behind the nose glass. Yours were mounted on each side. I'll forgive you this time, but if it happens again, Martin Cadin will hear of it!

R.F.O., K.O.F., T.T.B. Grag Grayham
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What can we say—except that it's lucky the Wright Brothers didn't have us as design consultants! Anyway, a turret-mounted no-prize with telescopic sights is hereby made yours. And we've passed along to Gary your suggestion about the Jay Little Bear flashback sequence. But somehow, after all the weird goofs we made in KELLY #6, we have a hunch the Groovy One's going to slip that story into a future ish of GHOST RIDER, where nobody'll notice where the guns are supposed to be or what rank anybody is!

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